



Arbitrator News

Monthly Newsletter for the Juvenile Arbitration
Program of
Aiken, Bamberg and Barnwell Counties

Newsletter Date: October 2022

Did You Know:

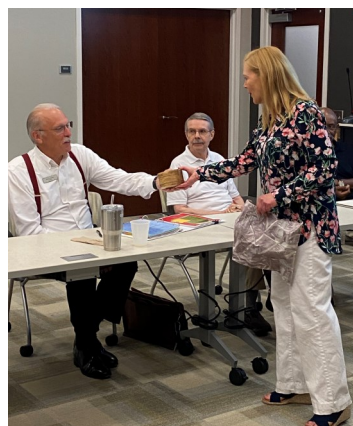
Children's Trust of South Carolina and the Annie E. Casey released the 2022 KIDS COUNT Data Book.

- In 2008-2012, **21%** of all children in the United States were in poverty. The country has improved with only **17%** of children in poverty.
- Also better, **31%** of children in the United States between 2008-2012 had parents that lacked secure employment. From 2016-2020 that number dropped to **27%**.
- From 2008-2012, **39%** of children lived in households with a high housing cost burden. That number improved to **30%** of children between 2016-2020.

Thank you to all of our community partners and volunteers who make the Juvenile Arbitration Program so successful. As we approach fall, we reflect on our summer activities, including: Aiken State Park Community Service Day, ACTS Community Service Day, Alcohol and Drug Class, and Cooking Matters.



Department of Juvenile Justice



Thank you to Amy Loftus, Director of the Aiken County Department of Juvenile Justice, for presenting agency updates at our annual Volunteer Development Day.

The Department of Juvenile Justice is a state cabinet agency committed to serving South Carolina's youth offenders and is responsible for providing custodial care and rehabilitation.

Health Fair



Thank you to Nurse Karen Blackmore and her team for making the Aiken County Health Fair so successful for everyone who participated.

Arbitration on the Move

Thank you to all of the arbitrators, including Julie Stutts, who have completed their updated volunteer applications and worked hard to stay current with their trainings, activities and related compliance forms.



Community Opportunity

Youth in Juvenile Arbitration have been hard at work collecting items for the Food Drive.



Library Card



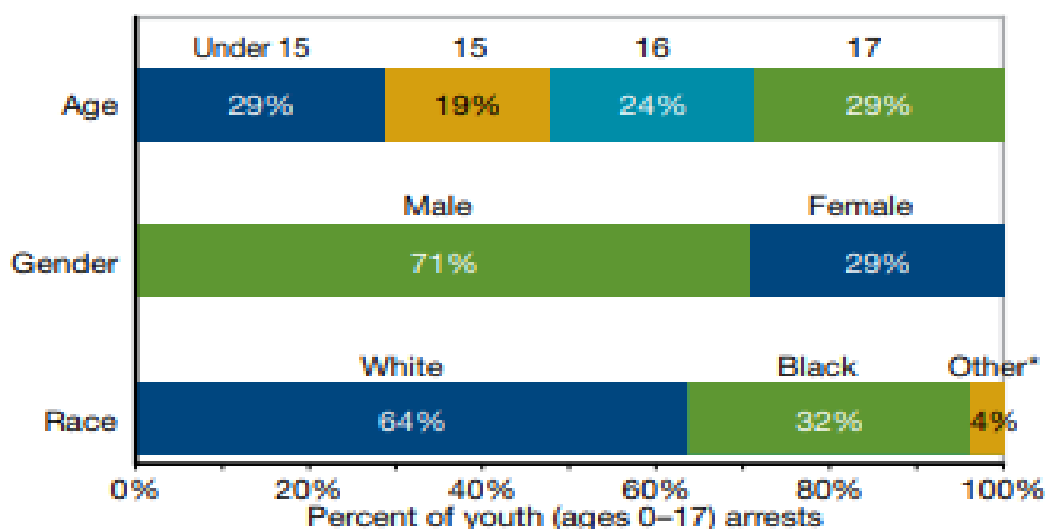
Youth participating with the Juvenile Arbitration Program have been hard at work obtaining library cards as part of the program.

Why library cards? According to the American Library Association:

- Approximately 14 million middle and high school students are on their own after school.
- 8 in 10 Americans want all children and teens to have some type of organized activity or safe place to go after school.
- The hours between 3 and 6 p.m. are the peak hours for juvenile crime and experimentation with drugs, alcohol and cigarettes.

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Youth under age 15 and females each accounted for about 3 of every 10 arrests involving youth in 2020



* Other race includes American Indian/Alaskan Natives, Asian/Pacific Islanders, and youth of unknown race.

Volunteer Development Day

Thank you to Alpha Dunbar with the South Carolina Human Affairs Commission and Arbitrator Joe Shields for making our Volunteer Development Day so successful.



Aiken Community Service Network



The Aiken Community Service Network meets monthly to share updates and community events that help grow and connect the community. Members include Walton Way Options, the Aiken Center, Clemson SNAP-ED, and, Juvenile Arbitration.

South Carolina Human Affairs Commissions

The South Carolina Human Affairs Commission provides answers and support to frequently asked questions about discrimination, including, can a person be denied a promotion because of pregnancy and national origin.

Pregnancy discrimination in the workplace occurs when an employer discriminates on the basis of pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical condition. The Pregnancy Discrimination Act (PDA) and the SC Pregnancy Accommodations Act forbids discrimination based on pregnancy when it comes to any aspect of employment, including hiring, firing, pay, job assignments, promotions, layoff, training, fringe benefits, such as leave and health insurance, and any other term or condition of employment.



Take Action SC



Thank you to the team of Take Action for hosting their Environmental Education Workshop. This Workshop is a chance for educators and community stakeholders to meet and learn about the new curriculum and activities to best serve youth. The Take Action SC Partnership encourages and promotes environmental education across South Carolina. This unique group of state agencies, colleges and schools as well as other environmental organizations believes that education is key in protecting and preserving the environment for future generations.



Sanction Opportunity—National Portrait Gallery

Join the National Portrait Gallery for a virtual, creative writing hour at the National Portrait Gallery on Tuesday October 25, 2022 from 5—6:00 PM!

The Gallery has set up a virtual space where writers can create, connect, and draw inspiration from the Portrait Gallery's collection. They will provide writing prompts, and you are also welcome to bring your own writing project-in-progress. We will write for about 30 minutes and end each session with a brief discussion or reading.

The mission of the National Portrait Gallery is to tell the story of America by portraying the people who shape the nation's history, development and culture.

NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY

Stephanie Pitts—New Juvenile Arbitration Director

We are excited that Stephanie Pitts has joined the Juvenile Arbitration Program as the new Director for Greenwood, Newberry, Laurens and Abbeville Counties.

Welcome Stephanie!



SC Human Affairs Commission

Thank you to Alpha Dunbar for presenting at our annual Volunteer Development Day. Ms. Dunbar is a Training Consultant with the South Carolina Human Affairs Commission.

The Mission of the South Carolina Human Affairs Commission is to eliminate and prevent unlawful discrimination in: employment on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, and disability; housing on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, and disability; and public accommodations on the basis of race, color, national origin, and religion thereby promoting harmony and the betterment of human affairs for all people.



Volunteer Lunch

Thank you to all of our amazing volunteers who attended our get-together lunch.

We always enjoy spending time learning from each others hearing experiences and building a strong volunteer community.



Community Service



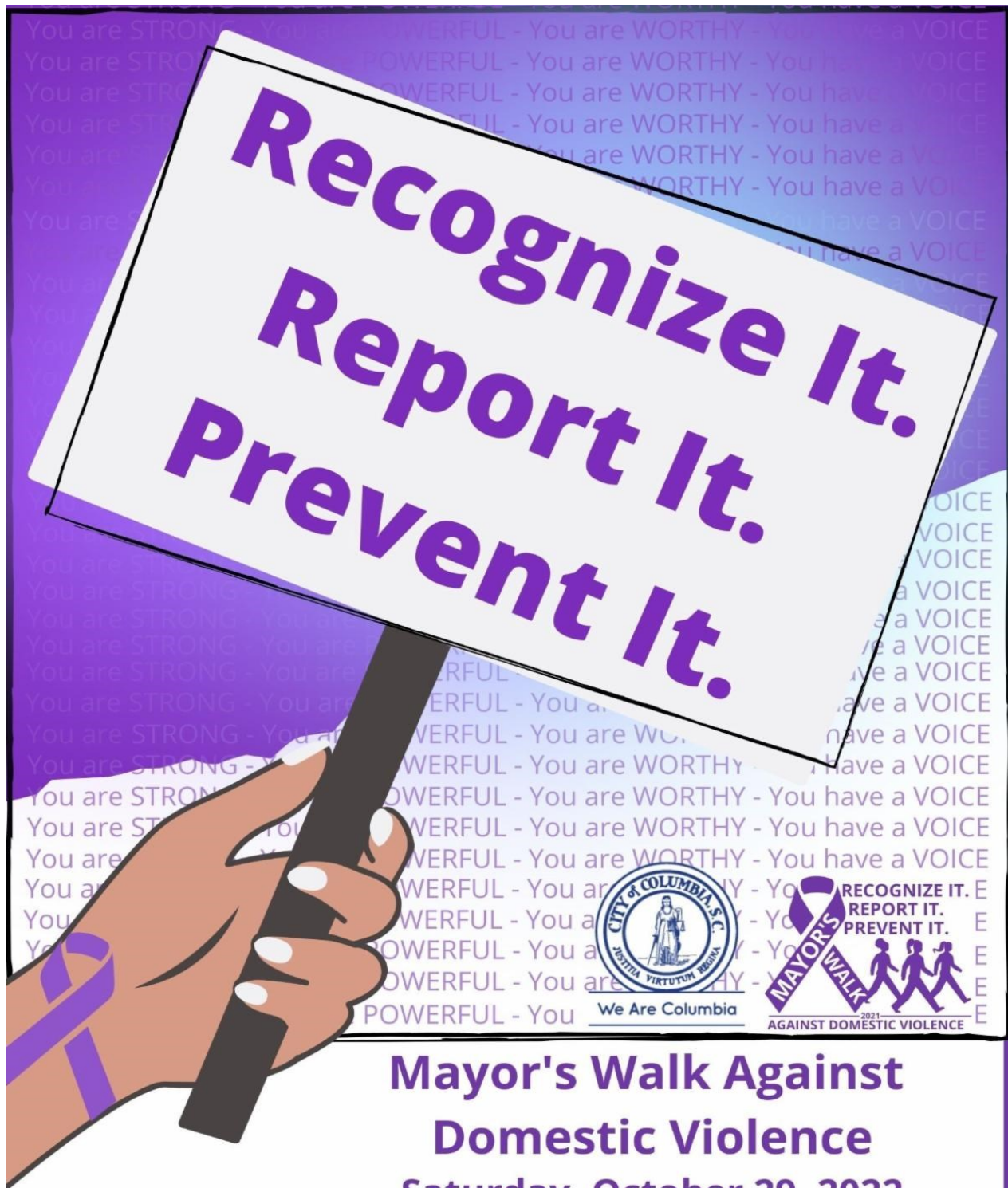
Thank you to our youth that are diligently working to create meaningful community service projects.

Why community service?

According to United Way, there is a positive correlation between students who earn good grades and those who are involved in community service.

Volunteering helps teens gain new skills necessary for the job market such as leadership, communication skills, dependability, time management, and decision making.

Mayor's Walk Against Domestic Violence



**Mayor's Walk Against
Domestic Violence**
Saturday, October 29, 2022

VISIT COLUMBIASC.GOV

Day of Service



The mission of the 9/11 Day of Service is to take back the day and transform the anniversary of 9/11 into a national day of doing good, and in the process rekindle the spirit of unity that arose in America in the immediate aftermath of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. In this way, we seek to keep our promise to "Never Forget."



Day of Service

The Juvenile Arbitration Program participated with the annual Tunnel to Towers Foundation Run in September.

The Tunnel to Towers Foundation honors the sacrifice of firefighter Stephen Siller who laid down his life to save others on September 11, 2001.

The organization works to pay off the mortgages of first responders and provide additional support.



Building Hope Conference



Nina Spinelli with the Juvenile Arbitration Program was excited to attend the annual Building Hope Conference hosted by South Carolina Children's Trust.

The mission of Children's Trust is to strengthen families, organizations and communities to prevent child abuse and neglect.

The work of Children's Trust is guided by a set of values that provide the framework and inspiration for all they do. Their values help hold us accountable to South Carolina's children and families, our partners and each other. Children's Trust is home to Adverse Childhood Experience training, Kid's Count, and Strengthening Families.

Visit <https://scchildren.org> to learn more about their program and events.

Training Opportunity



Thriving Together

2022 Conference

Community partners working together
to meet the challenges of
surviving Domestic Violence.

Friday, October 7, 2022

9am-4pm

Sign-in begins at 8:30am

Location: Lessie B. Price Center
841 Edgefield Ave NW Aiken, SC 29801

This free training will be accredited for
CLEE, CEU, and VSP hours.

Coach T's and Fuse Mobile Food Trucks will be
available at the venue for lunch.

Must register at thrivingtogether2022.eventbrite.com
to attend.



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www.cumbeecenter.org

Brothers and Sisters



What are the benefits of community partnership? It might take more work, and it might take longer, but strong partnerships build the relationships, shared understanding, and collective focus to make lasting progress on issues related to community and economic development. (Planet Citizen).

Brothers and Sisters works diligently to provide quality after-school education for youth in our community. Thank you to Director Charonica Pope who creates meaningful activities, programs and events for youth in our community.

Community Sanction

Aiken Center Prevention Services Presents:

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
FRIDAY OCTOBER 7, 2022
7:30 PM | SASSAFRAS PARK
3144 Augusta Rd. Warrentonville, SC 29851

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PRIZES
 Bring a blanket or chair

FREE ADMISSION
 FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT;
 O'LYUANA HARRIS
 803-649-1900 EXT 3261 OHARRIS@AIKENCENTER.ORG

The William J. McCord Adolescent Treatment Facility

The William J. McCord Adolescent Treatment Facility is there to lend a helping hand.

Established in 1993, the William J. McCord Adolescent Treatment Facility is a provider of high quality care to adolescents in the state of South Carolina and a leader in the field of adolescent addiction treatment. Believing that all adolescents, not just those with private insurance, should have access to high quality treatment at affordable prices, the McCord Facility offers a 24-hour structured regime of medical and clinical services to adolescents with presenting alcohol and/or other drug problems.



The William J. McCord Adolescent Treatment Facility has beds available now to accept both males females in need of inpatient treatment.

If you are working with an adolescent and think they may benefit from their services, please reach out to Sabrina Johnson at 803-534-2328, ext. 151 or by e-mail at **sjohnson@tccada.state.sc.us**. Note: The Facility accept females who are pregnant, can detox if needed, and also provide medication-assisted treatment.



South Carolina's Network of Children's Advocacy Centers

South Carolina's Network of Children's Advocacy Centers released their Annual OMS report provides a comprehensive analysis of the outcome data provided by all of SC CACs during the year. Youth involved with the Juvenile Arbitration often receive services from our local Child Advocacy Center. To review, the report visit <https://www.cac-sc.org>.

Highlights from the Statewide Annual Data

2021

South Carolina CACs strive to provide children and families with **Healing** and **Justice** in a child-focused, safe setting they can **Trust**. In this report, we will break down data that demonstrates CACs are achieving each of these three goals. Here are a few highlights.

Healing

97% of caregivers agree that CACs provide them with resources to support their children.

97%



Justice

98% of team members believe clients benefit from the collaborative approach of the multidisciplinary team.

98%



Trust

97% of caregivers would tell someone they knew who was dealing with a situation like the one their family faced about the CAC.

97%



Children Served

Children's Advocacy Centers in South Carolina provided services to 11,117 children in 2021. This was an 11 percent increase over 2020. Over the past 5 years, 49,917 children received services at SC CACs, which represents a 31 percent increase over the 5 year period.



Community Sanction



SOUTH CAROLINA SHAKESPEARE COMPANY



MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

Join Juvenile Arbitration for a community
sanction and take in this famous play in a
beautiful setting.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 9, 2022 - 2:45 PM - 5:00 PM
SEIBELS HOUSE GARDENS - 1601 RICHLAND STREET



RSVP to Nspinelli@aikencountysc.gov



Congratulations



Congratulations to Stacey Bryant with the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice for her promotion from Juvenile Arbitration and Community Restoration Director to Juvenile Detention Initiative Director within the agency.



Congratulations



DSS Database Integration

About the SCNCAC Database Project:

Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs) in South Carolina are required by accreditation standards to provide a database for tracking medical, mental health, forensic interview, prevention and other services provided by the CAC to child victims and non-offending family members and caregivers. These databases must provide essential demographic information, case information, and investigation/intervention outcomes. In the past all 17 CACs in SC used independent databases of different formats and functions which inhibited coordinated services. The SCNCAC 2018 CAC needs assessment identified gaps in CAC services due to a number of factors. The SCNCAC Development Plan provides recommendations to remove the barriers to services identified in the needs assessment. One of many solutions identified in the development plan was to develop a statewide CAC database and then provide an integration from the Department of Social Services (DSS) Children's Protective Services (CPS) division CAPSS system to a statewide CAC database to better coordinate services. **Phase one of this project, the statewide CAC Collaborate database**, is operational and helping to prevent duplication of services, better allocate mental health, medical, and other resources, and preventing child abuse cases from falling through the cracks which could occur with disconnected system. **Phase two of this project, the integration between the SCNCAC Collaborate database and the DSS CAPSS system**, went live in June of 2022 and is providing better coordination between CPS and local CACs to ensure all children in need of CACs services are referred for evaluation.

Benefits of a SCNCAC/CAPSS Integration:

This interaction allows a one way transfer of referral information from the DSS CAPSS system to the local CAC through the SCNCAC Collaborate statewide database.

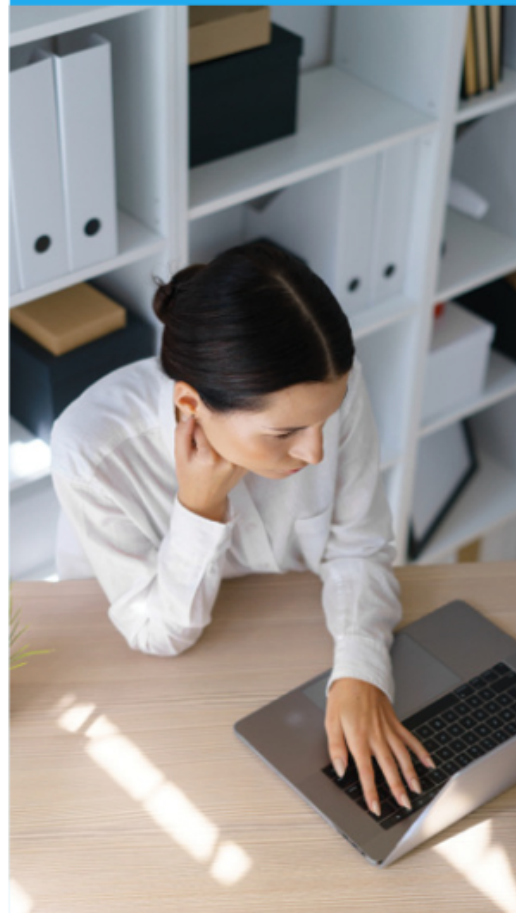
- DSS is able to provide initial referral information automatically to the local CAC.
- The automated referral process helps to ensure referrals are made regardless of demographics or background.
- This collaboration with SC DSS helps to safeguard equity across SC for child abuse victims and their caregivers.
- The electronic referral helps to reduce human error and the potential for cases and/or case information being overlooked.
- The electronic referral provides additional security, which is always important given the sensitive and confidential nature of child abuse cases.
- The electronic referral allows CACs to follow up with DSS investigators if a forensic interview is not scheduled.

See the next page for Phase Three Implementation



South Carolina Network
OF
**CHILDREN'S
ADVOCACY CENTERS**

DSS Database Integration Fact Sheet



DSS Database Integration

In 2021, CACs provided over 11,117 child victims of abuse

in South Carolina with multidisciplinary team investigations, forensic interviews, specialized medical and mental healthcare, and victim advocacy.



SCNCAC Collaborate/CAPSS Timeline:

The SCNCAC Collaborate Statewide CAC database (phase 1) went live in 2019. Phase Two, the DSS CAPSS referral integration went live in June of 2022 and all CACs in SC are participating and receiving hourly DSS referrals through the SCNCAC Collaborate and DSS CAPSS database integration. The phase two timeline history is below.

- 2018 SCNCAC began discussing the potential database integration with DSS leadership.
- In late 2018 discussions were put on hold due to DSS leadership changes.
- In June of 2019 SCNCAC began meeting with the new DSS leadership about the database integration.
- In August of 2019 two additional database integration implementation meetings were held with DSS leadership.
- In late 2019 DSS technical experts on the CAPSS system and SCNCAC Collaborate technical experts began meeting to determine IT needs for the interaction.
- In early 2020 work began on the technical aspects of the project.
- In early 2021 testing began on data transmission and other formatting requirements.
- On 6/15/22 the database integration went live with all SC CACs participating.

Phase Three Implementation Projection:

Currently, once an automated referral is transmitted from the DSS CAPSS database to a CAC through the SCNCAC Collaborate database, a DSS investigator is assigned who will then call the CAC that received the automated referral to schedule a forensic interview. The CAC will obtain the additional information needed for services by having the DSS investigator complete a CAC intake form or provide information by phone. **Phase three of this project will allow the DSS Investigator to complete the intake form electronically and have it securely transmitted to the CAC through the SCNCAC Collaborate and DSS CAPSS system database integration.** Phase three will further streamline CAC and DSS workloads by reducing duplicative data entry and potential human error in initial intake information gathering.

In early 2022, SCNCAC and DSS leadership began discussing the timeline for phase three work which began after the launch of phase two. SCNCAC is working to develop a statewide standard CAC intake form and work at the IT level for phase three is schedule to begin in the fall of 2022.

This project was made possible by a grant from the BlueCross® BlueShield® of South Carolina Foundation.



Phase Three
Collaborate
Database
3rd Qtr 2022
Project Work
Begins

Automated Referrals HELP Kids:

The DSS CAPSS and SCNCAC Collaborate database integration helps to safeguard equity for all SC kids by helping to ensure referrals for services are made regardless of background or demographics.

October is National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

ZERO
THE END OF PROSTATE CANCER

BLACK MEN AND PROSTATE CANCER BY THE NUMBERS



EVERY



A BLACK MAN
IS DIAGNOSED WITH
PROSTATE CANCER

1 IN 6

BLACK MEN
WILL BE DIAGNOSED WITH
PROSTATE CANCER IN THEIR LIFETIME



EVERY DAY
NEARLY

17

BLACK MEN DIE OF
PROSTATE CANCER

ONLY **33%** OF BLACK MEN
50 OR OLDER HAD A
PSA TEST IN **2018**.

TODAY, THERE ARE

3.1+ MILLION
PROSTATE CANCER SURVIVORS
ALIVE IN THE USA

BLACK MEN IN THE U.S. AND CARIBBEAN HAVE
THE HIGHEST DOCUMENTED PROSTATE CANCER
INCIDENCE RATES IN THE WORLD.



BLACK MEN ARE

1.7X

MORE LIKELY TO BE
DIAGNOSED WITH
PROSTATE CANCER
THAN WHITE MEN



BLACK MEN ARE

2.1X

MORE LIKELY
TO DIE FROM
PROSTATE CANCER
THAN WHITE MEN

Community Event



W-E STUDENTS AND FAMILIES!!!

Please join us for the
Blue Devil
Football Fair

HOMECOMING NIGHT
Friday, October 7, 2022
7:00 to Halftime
Next to the WEHS Gym

- * Carnival Games * Community Resources *
- * Prizes * Giveaways *
- * Free Admission *
- * Rewards for Students with Parent Attendance! *

Tables still available for non-profits, churches, businesses/vendors!
Call 266-8075 to register for a table.

JDAI



JDAI

**Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative**

For over 25 years, the Annie E. Casey Foundation has been working to create a system that locks up fewer youth and relies on more proven, family-focused interventions that create opportunities for positive youth development. Using a model rooted in eight core strategies, the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) proves effective in helping participating jurisdictions create alternative programs for juvenile offenders, thus safely reducing their detention populations.

South Carolina is now the 40th state to launch JDAI, joining 39 others that have become JDAI State-Scale sites. The South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) is serving as the Lead Agency in building on the legacy to reduce overreliance on detention and improve outcomes for the youth in the state.



This Initiative directly aligns with DJJ's mission of protecting the public and reclaiming juveniles by:

- eliminating inappropriate/unnecessary use of detention
- Minimizing failure to appear and incidences of delinquent behavior
- Redirecting public finances to more effective reform strategies
- Reducing racial/ethnic/gender/geographical/offense disparities and advancing equity
- Improving conditions in secure detention facilities

EIGHT CORE STRATEGIES

JDAI is a system-wide change in philosophy, practice and policy which focuses on the eight core strategies:

COLLABORATION

DATA DRIVEN DECISION MAKING

ELIMINATING DISPARITIES

OBJECTIVE ADMISSIONS SCREENING

ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION

CASE PROCESSING

SPECIAL DETENTION POPULATIONS

CONDITIONS OF CONFINEMENT

Contact: Stacey Bryant
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stasiaobryant@djg.sc.gov

THE CHOSEN MODEL

The definition of JDAI has expanded to include system improvement efforts for the juvenile justice continuum, from the front door through out-of-home placements.

JDAI is the chosen model to align the State's reform agenda and make the S.C. Juvenile Justice system the best it can be for the State's most vulnerable population.



Children's Law Conference

This year's annual Children's Law Conference, featuring Sixto Cancel, founder and CEO of Think of Us, will address issues affecting children involved in South Carolina's child protection and juvenile justice systems.

An outstanding faculty will present on topics including Centering Lived Experience at the Core; Human Trafficking of Minors in South Carolina: What Professionals Need to Know to Support Victims; Current Trends in Teen Substance Use and Treatment; Engaging Fathers; Teen Suicide Red Flags and Prevention; Conversations on Being a System-Involved Youth; A Caselaw and Legislative Update; and The Three Trees of Self Care for Child-Serving Professionals.



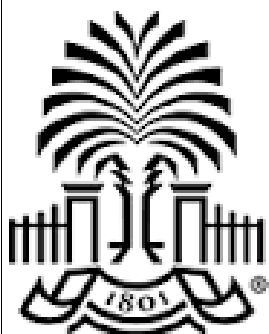
The conference will be held on November 4, 2022 (8:45 am - 4:30 pm) at the Cooperative Conference Center located at 169 Laurelhurst Ave, Columbia SC.

For more information: Contact Lauren Marsh at marshla@mailbox.sc.edu or 803-576-7228.

To register: Go to https://secure.touchnet.net/C21544_ustores/web/product_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=124.

Pre-registration closes 11/1/22 at 5:00 pm. Walk-ins will be allowed, space permitting.

Continuing Education Credits: 5.5 MCLE credit hours for Attorneys have been requested. This training is pre-approved for up to: 5.5 general contact hours for Social Workers; 5.5 hours of CE credits for Licensed Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, and PsychoEducational Specialists (the Children's Law Center is a permanent CE sponsor, #421). 5.5 hours of Category A credits for licensed psychologists; and 5.5 hours of CLEE credits have been requested for law enforcement officers.



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Trash Bash at the Border



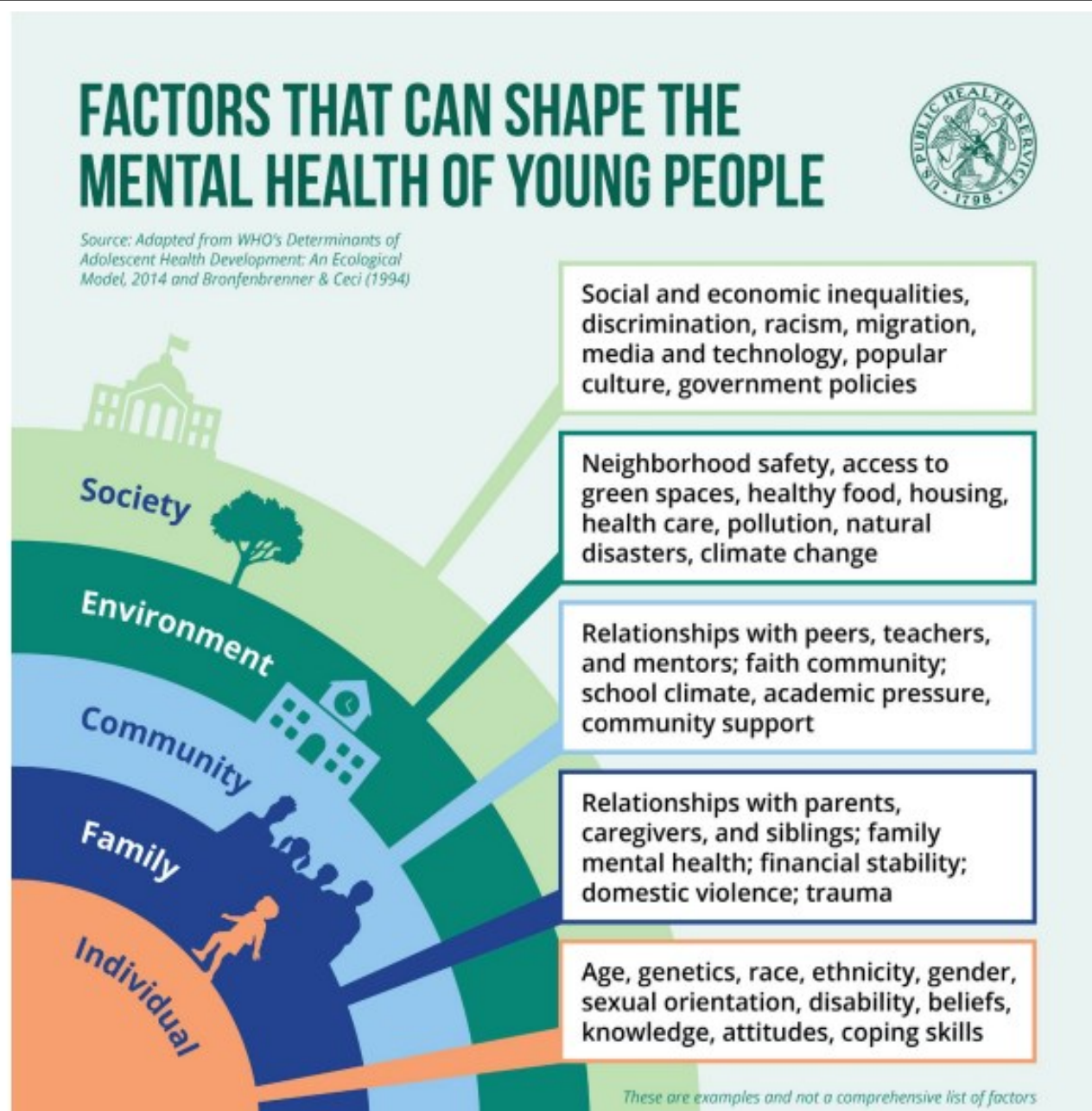
Trash Bash at the Border



Thank you to Arbitrator Herb Theiss and the entire team of Keep Aiken County Beautiful for hosting, and winning, the Trash Bash at the Border to help keep our community clean.



Mental Health



The Surgeon General has released their Protecting Youth Mental Health Report. Mental health affects every aspect of our lives: how we feel about ourselves and the world; solve problems, cope with stress, and overcome challenges; build relationships and connect with others; and perform in school, at work, and throughout life. Mental health encompasses our emotional, psychological, and social wellbeing, and is an essential component of overall health.

To review the report, please visit: <https://www.hhs.gov>

Arbitration on the Move



Thank you to Lieutenant Eric Kirkland with the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office and Jean Ann Lambert with Mental Health America for all their support of outreach activities and events for our community.

Community Resource



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RURAL HEALTH SERVICES, INC.

IT'S TIME TO GET INSURED

STATEWIDE NAVIGATOR

LATOYA BATES

OFFICE:

Clyburn Center for
Primary Care

Trained to help patients, small businesses, and employees with their health coverage, eligibility options, and enrollment forms through the Marketplace. My services are completely free and unbiased.

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HEALTH INSURANCE NEEDS!**



FIND YOUR ELIGIBLE COVERAGE

PROGRAM/BENEFIT



**CHILDREN'S HEALTH
INSURANCE
PROGRAM (CHIP)**



**STATE-FUNDED
FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE**



MEDICAID



MEDICARE



**HEALTH INSURANCE
MARKETPLACE**



**SPECIAL
ENROLLMENT AND
SHORT TERM PLANS**

HEALTHCARE NAVIGATOR

WHY CHOOSE ME?



FREE & IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE

I can provide individuals and their family members with FREE, immediate assistance in finding appropriate and affordable health insurance.



UNDERSTAND YOUR OPTIONS

By comparing your health plan options, we can find out if you are eligible for financial assistance, which can help pay monthly premiums and reduce out-of-pocket costs!



POST-ENROLLMENT ASSISTANCE

I provide post-enrollment assistance for things like eligibility appeals, subsidy reconciliation, and health insurance utilization questions.

Community Resource

Need help applying for health insurance coverage?



Local Navigators are available statewide

to help you complete applications for health coverage, complete enrollment, and understand your new coverage. Navigators are knowledgeable in eligibility, enrollment and program specifications.

Their services are available to you at no cost.

Navigators can help you understand and enroll in coverage through:



Health Insurance
Marketplace



Medicaid



Children's Health
Insurance Program



To find local help from a Navigator, visit
GetCoveredAmerica.org



**SECOND CIRCUIT
JUVENILE
ARBITRATION
PROGRAM**

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Aiken, SC 29801

2nd Judicial Circuit
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Bill Weeks, Solicitor
Serena McDaniel,
Assistant. Solicitor
Nina Spinelli, Director

Calendar of Events

Ridge Spring ACTS
Community Service Day:
• October 19

Victim Impact Panel:
• October 2

Cooking Matters:
• October 21

Aiken Acts Community
Service Day:
• October 15

The Insiders:
• October 5

Youth ChalleNGe Academy



Thank you to the team of the Youth ChalleNGe. Academy for their amazing support of youth in their program.

From leadership development to education, youth learn important life skills that are so valuable.



Thank you to the Guardian-ad-Litem team for all of their support and help.

Arbitration on the Move

Brenda O'Berry serves as the Victim Advocate for Barnwell and Bamberg counties.

Victim advocates are trained to support victims of crime. They offer emotional support, victims' rights information, help in finding needed resources and assistance in filling out crime victim related forms. Brenda supports those in need during the entire court process.

